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(sbu) Drawing on reftel, EMIN told Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Assistant Deputy Minister for Trade Policy and Negotiation Don Stephenson that the USG -- in principle -- supports the candidacy of Canadian official Meg Kinnear to be the next Secretary General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). Highlighting the benefits of joining the ICSID, EMIN said Kinnear's candidacy might be stronger if Canada took further action to become an ICSID party. Stephenson stated that he was well aware of the ICSID and that Canada wanted to join the organization. Stephenson said he would look into the status of Canada's efforts and get back to the Embassy. Stephenson was also highly complimentary of Kinnear, expressing his personal regret that she might soon leave Canada's Trade Law Bureau.

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